



*Central Nebraska Division of
Orphan Grain Train Update*

Since the doors opened for taking donations the middle of February, the response has been tremendous. May 5, 2010 saw the first shipment (1,799 boxes) leave our facility headed for El Paso, TX to Ysleta Lutheran Mission. It was a day to celebrate the work God has sent each of us to do and see some results of our labor. This, however, is just the beginning. Currently we are getting a shipment ready to go to Haiti this last week in July. After putting the word out that this shipment was going to be sent, people opened their hearts and closets and filled our barrels with mountains of clothing. We thank everyone who was so generous.

A new situation has arisen that will directly affect our Division in Grand Island. The Orphan Grain Train Division in Lincoln is closing its doors and a majority of their goods will be redirected to our facility in Grand Island. This means we need more help! We would like to have our facility open five days a week, but this would mean more donations would be received as well. What we really need is VOLUNTEERS! We actually need a group of 5-7 people every day, Monday through Friday. We are no longer in the talking stages, but need people of action, people who feel God tugging at them to give of their time in this capacity. If you are among those people, please contact Arlene Doremus at 308-227-2835 to get scheduled.

Fundraising

Since Orphan Grain Train exists completely on donations, fundraising is always at the top of our priority list. A part of our fundraising strategy is to apply for grants. Gary Wieck has been doing this in the past, and still is, however, he would like some help. If there is anyone who has some experience along these lines, please contact him at gnwieck@gmail.com or call him at 308-380-0235.

Another means of fundraising comes directly from the congregations in the Division. The Board of Directors is asking each church in this Division to designate one Sunday a year for Orphan Grain Train and ask for a special offering on that day.

Fish boils are another means of fundraising for Orphan Grain Train and these take commitment from volunteers. At this time we have just a small amount of people who have indicated they are willing to help on these occasions. Now that we are taking on some of Lincoln's area, we are going to need many more workers in the field. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Gary Wieck at the above number, or Dana Hansen at 308-380-5177 or Marsha Hansen at 308-850-5477.

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